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ANTIGUA: THE LAND OF FAIRIES WIZARDS AND HEROES, BY DENISE BROWN ELLIS

Mar. 27th, 2008 at 8:46 PM

[Antigua: The Land of Fairies Wizards and Heroes](#)

I highly recommend it.

Incidentally, if you find that for some reason you can't sink into Denise Brown Ellis's prose stylings as though you were sinking into a warm bath, that for some reason your mind is not swept away on a miracle journey of magic, adventure, and imagination, that's probably because as an adult reading a children's book, [there is something very wrong with you](#).

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**erinlin**

Mar. 28th, 2008 02:54 am (UTC)

Ok, what? She's telling people \*not\* to read her book? What a brilliant marketing strategy!

Ironically, I just finished reading a picture book. \*hugs Douglas Florian's 'Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs' to her chest.\*

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**issendai**

Mar. 28th, 2008 03:03 am (UTC)

*Adults* shouldn't be reading her books. Only 9- to 14-year-olds. Anyone else who reads it or writes a review about it is weird and sick.

Personally, I'd like to know where she got the idea that 14-year-olds would sit through this crap or that 9-year-olds would know how to pronounce Chrandria, Vorltrarr, or Ragnhall. But maybe that's just me. I am a sick person who reads children's books, after all.

How was *Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs*?

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**selkiechick**

Mar. 28th, 2008 03:27 pm (UTC)

I do love her use of allcaps as an editorial response.

snork.

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**issendai**

Mar. 28th, 2008 11:53 pm (UTC)

She also pipped the book across Amazon in all caps.

Seriously. Google site:amazon.com and the book's title, and she's all over it. It's unbelievable. She's even in pages on THE REAL ANTIGUA, destroying what faint hopes I had that she didn't know Antigua was a real place.

She's um... special.

But hey, at least the all-caps ensured That She didn't capitalize at Random.

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**erinlin**

Mar. 29th, 2008 02:26 am (UTC)

Very good. It's a book of kids poems, with really nice illustrations.

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**llyse**

Mar. 28th, 2008 07:58 am (UTC)

This is really a special kind of special.

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...I wonder how old the author is.



**issendai**

Mar. 28th, 2008 02:55 pm (UTC)

According to her AuthorHouse bio, the answer is "old enough to know better." She's been a nurse for 15 years, which would make her, what... 35-37 at the youngest?

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**llyse**

Mar. 28th, 2008 03:22 pm (UTC)

People never cease to surprise me.

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**selkiechick**

Mar. 28th, 2008 10:24 pm (UTC)

Her other book (Adventure of the Teen Archaeologists) looks like a winner too. Pity.... the PREMISE looks nifty. Pity about the grasp of english.

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**issendai**

Mar. 28th, 2008 02:57 pm (UTC)

\*laugh\* Yes, the people have spoken, and they have said: Shut up.

Inflicting this book on your library would be cruel. And I can guarantee you they don't have a copy.

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**ghilledhu**

Mar. 28th, 2008 03:42 pm (UTC)

...wow. That's a special brand of batshit. I'm not sure this lady quite ranks up there with Anne Rice, but she's definitely working on it.

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**selkiechick**

Mar. 28th, 2008 10:10 pm (UTC)

Though one of her commenters (who gave her advice in one of her many forums about the proper use of Amazon wrote

Beatrice Beecham's Fearsome Feast

http://www.amazon.com/Beatrice-Beechams-Fearsome-Feast-Jeffery/dp/1847282938/ref=ref=cm\_cd\_t\_sims\_i

which sounds like it might have merit (and he's smart enough NOT to include an damning sample)

...but her book. She WRITES like an overwrought 12 year old girl. Oh the exclamation points. Are there egregious Italics as well?  
Ow my head!

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**coryashire**

Apr. 26th, 2008 11:50 am (UTC)

This makes me fear for humanity.

Honestly, I love children's book, and alot of what I read is written for children. I am a huge fan of Funke, DePrau, Pullman, Rowling. I do read books written for adults, and I go back and forth between the innocence of children's literature, to the gritty, cussy, sex filled realms of adult novels to. I love a good thriller where there is the distinct possibility that people are going to have their hands or feet cut off in wierd accidents or fights.

However, I can usually tell if I want to read a book by the first 10-20 pages \*first 70 pages for Da Vinci code, I enjoyed it for what it was, a nice little thriller, even if it really isent a great peice of literature, it was simply a good read in my opinion\*. I tried, I honestly did try, but I couldnt read her book.

I love how she attacks all her detractors, saying they are teenagers... ugh... lady, that is who you claim you wrote this book for. If they ARE teenagers, then you clearly didnt write your books RIGHT, because they are calling you out for your bad writing.

I certainly hope that if I can get my book published \*through a real publisher, not a vanity or self printing press\*, it will stand on its own merits. If people dont like it, they dont like it, but I make a promise to humanity, I will not go on amazing in blazing caps of erapydom going like this: OMG, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS NEW BOOK CALLED 'THE TRANSIT'! ITS THE FIRST BOOK IN A PLANNED SERIES CALLED THE KEY CYCLE AND ITS SOME BLOODY AWSOME THAT YOU SHOULD GO BUY IT!!!! GO ON, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO, IT ROCKS MY SOCKS SO MUCH!!! BUY THE BOOK CAUSE ITS BETTER THEN ANY BOOK IN THE HISTORY OF EVA!!!!

You are welcome to kill me if you catch me doing that.

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**coryashire**

Apr. 26th, 2008 11:51 am (UTC)

sorry for the spelling errors. its like 5 am, havent slept in like 20 hours, and my mind is slipping.

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
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## COMMENTS

 **rosinavs**  
15 Oct 2014, 13:18  
[RIP Miss Ella](#)  
My sympathies.

 **rivkaesque**  
15 Oct 2014, 04:10  
[RIP Miss Ella](#)  
Sorry to hear that! (hugs)

 **siderea**  
15 Oct 2014, 03:21  
[RIP Miss Ella](#)  
Oh my goodness -- I am so sorry for your loss.

 **blake\_fraina**  
14 Oct 2014, 21:41  
[RIP Miss Ella](#)  
I'm so sorry.

 **rivkaesque**  
21 May 2014, 17:15  
[Ginnie Post: Breaking a Sick System by Walking Away](#)  
Yeah, the grandparents thing is probably part of it. Everyone in my family tries, but I do think I have some 'fleas' - specifically around boundaries and the whole 'sick people should never have to...

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